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Panel on Forests
First session
11-15 September 1995
Item 6 of the provisional agenda

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE PANEL ON ITS FIRST SESSION

Chapter ___

ORGANIZATIONAL AND OTHER MATTERS

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Open-ended Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Panel on Forests of the Commission on Sustainable Development held its first session from 11 to 15 September 1995, in accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 1995/226. The Panel held ___ meetings (1st to ___ meetings).

2. The session was opened by the temporary Chairman, Mr. Henrique Brandao Cavalcanti (Brazil).

3. The Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development addressed the Panel.

B. Election of officers

4. At its 1st meeting, on 11 September 1995, the Panel elected, by acclamation, Sir Martin Holdgate (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) as Co-Chairman. It also elected, by acclamation, Mr. R. N. Krishnan (India) as Co-Chairman for the first and second sessions of the Panel, on the understanding that Mr. Manuel Rodriguez (Colombia) would be Co-Chairman for the third and fourth sessions of the Panel.

5. At the same meeting, after their election, statements were made by the Co-Chairmen.

6. At its ___ meeting, on ___ September 1995, the Panel elected the remaining officers of the Bureau, as follows:

(To be completed)

C. Agenda and organization of work

7. At its 1st meeting, on 11 September 1995, the Panel considered its provisional agenda, contained in document E/CN.17/IPF/1995/1 which read as follows:

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

3. Programme of work of the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests.

4. Dates and venues of future meetings.

5. Other matters.

8. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Panel orally corrected the provisional agenda by adding item 6, "Adoption of the report of the Panel on the first session".

9. The Panel then adopted the provisional agenda as orally corrected, and approved its organization of work.

D. Attendance

10. [A list of participants will be included in the final report]

E. Documentation

11. The Panel had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed programme of work and organizational modalities for the Open-ended Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Panel on Forests of the Commission on Sustainable Development (E/CN.17/IPF/1995/2);

(b) Note by the Secretariat on the participation of intergovernmental organizations in the work of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Panel on Forests (E/CN.17/IPF/1995/L.1).

F. Participation of intergovernmental organizations in the work of the Panel

12. At its 5th meeting, on 13 September 1995, the Panel considered the question of the participation of intergovernmental organizations in its work. It had before it a note by the Secretariat (E/CN.17/IPF/1995/L.1) entitled "Participation of intergovernmental organizations in the work of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Panel on Forests", in which the Secretariat recommended to the Panel that the Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) be invited to attend the sessions of the Panel as an intergovernmental organization with the status of observer.

13. At the same meeting, the Panel approved the recommendation.